

SOCIAL AND PERSONAL

The Land of Phantasy.

It was the land of phantasy, where it is always May.
The long, long twilight lingered, and the golden air was sweet;
In swelling hill and rolling moor the pale dream country lay,
With a winding road across the downs to tempt our wandering feet.

We gathered blossoms all the way;
Strange, magic blooms grew there,
The shining flower of happiness, and the honeyed buds of bliss;
You twined wild garlands through your curls, and on your bosom fair
You wore the red, red rose of love, with petals like a kiss.

Scarcely any murmur broke the hush in that still land of dream,
Perhaps a whisper of the wind, or note of a feathered bird,
And far away the bubbling breath of distant gushing streams,
But not the sound of human voice, or any spoken word.

There was no need of spoken word, as hand in hand we went,
For each heart beat the measure full of perfect harmony;
Our eyes on one another looked with silent, unbroken gaze,
We did not question what had been, nor what was yet to be.

A charmed spell the spirit held through these enchanted hours,
The dim past faded out like smoke, and time was swept away;
We sought no boon of future joy, eternally was ours—
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Pictures Received.

At the Crenshaw building, No. 11 West Main Street, where the spring exhibit of the Richmond Art Club is to be, every day is a picture gallery. The pictures are being hung up, and the different rooms, all of which have been covered with fresh paper and so improved as to make a better background for pictures than ever before.

Admiral Webster, Mrs. M. C. Patterson, Miss Bessie Selden, Miss Harriette Taliaferro, Miss Nora Houston, Miss Hammond and Mr. Walker were among the Art Club officials who were most active in reducing matters to order and in offering suggestions as to the placing of pictures with regard to the best possible light obtainable.

In the long parlor to the right of entrance, and fronting the visitor who entered, was a remarkably fine piece of portrait work by Robert Henri, of New York. The subject of the painter's art, Miss Perkins, is herself an artist, but the painting in detail is only unusual through the skill of the artist, a skill which at once attracts and compels attention.

Close to this picture is one by Mr. Willes, of New York, that is very beautiful. The canvas is large, the figures on it appearing almost at life size. The face of the girl and the face and form of another stand out clearly against a dusky background of richly toned shades, melting softly the one into the other. Between the two girls is a lump and a vase of red roses. "The girl with the face" is bending forward and her glance is downward, to where the mellow radiance of the lamp falls upon the slender grace and rounded curves of the other, bringing out the rich sheen of the satin gown, the gleaming gold of hair and the gleaming blue of the dress.

The painting is a study before which one can stand for a long while with pleasure and profit. A "Tawny Sunset" and "An Intermittent" reveal the touch of Charles W. Benson, the wonderful colorist and interpreter of nature that he is. He has several other studies, all equally characteristic. One called "Early Spring" might have been done any May time, anywhere around and about Richmond, so perfectly does it hold the freshness and beauty of the springtime now enveloping one on every hand.

"Waiting," by Gustave Henry Mosler, is the picture of a young woman, framed in a cottage doorway, against which she is leaning. In the easy, restful pose that makes one exclaim in looking at her: "Ah, I have seen a woman stand and look just that way!" The homely environment and peacefulness of the scene, even the simple, rustic, which she is leaning in, in the easy, restful pose that makes one exclaim in looking at her: "Ah, I have seen a woman stand and look just that way!" The homely environment and peacefulness of the scene, even the simple, rustic, which she is leaning in, in the easy, restful pose that makes one exclaim in looking at her: "Ah, I have seen a woman stand and look just that way!"

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Sale of Women's Neckwear.

200 dozen pieces of the latest novelties, that sold at \$4.50, \$6 and up to \$12 a dozen.

Take your pick at 25c.

All the 30c to 35c Neckwear is 15c each. The 15c to 25c Neckwear is 5c and 10c.

50c Val. Laces, 29c a Dozen.

A new lot just received and goes on sale to-day at near half price.

Full Line of Vudor Porch Shades.

It is time you were getting something to shade that porch. The Vudor is the best shade made. All sizes for \$2, \$2.50 and \$3, according to size.

POEMS YOU OUGHT TO KNOW

Whatever your occupation may be, and however crowded your hours with affairs, do not fail to secure at least a few minutes every day for refreshment of your inner life with a bit of poetry.—Professor Charles Eliot Norton.

No. 491.

Let Us Pass Over the River and Rest.

By MARGARET J. PRESTON.

General "Stonewall" Jackson, the great Confederate commander, died May 10, 1863, having been mortally wounded at the battle of Chancellorsville on May 2. His last words are said to have been: "Let us pass over the river and rest under the shade of the trees." General Jackson was born January 21, 1767.

Mrs. Margaret Junkin Preston, born in Philadelphia in 1824, was the wife of Professor T. L. Preston, of the Virginia Military Institute, and sister-in-law of General Thomas "Stonewall" Jackson, whose first wife was Eliza Jackson. Her portrait, autograph and biographical sketch, have already been printed in this series.

What are the thoughts that are stirring his breast?
What is the mystical vision he sees?
"Let us pass over the river and rest
Under the shade of the trees."

Has he grown sick of his toils and his tasks?

Sighs the worn spirit for respite or ease?

Is it a moment's cool halt that he asks
Under the shade of the trees?

Is it the gurgle of the waters, whose flow

Offtimes has come to him borne on the breeze,

Memory listens to, lapsing so low,
Under the shade of the trees?

Nay—though the rasp of the flesh was so sore,

Faith, that had yearnings far keener than these,
Saw the soft sheen of the Thitherward Shore,
Under the shade of the trees;

Caught the high pulsings of ecstatic delight,
Heard the harp's harpings, like soundings of seas,
Watched earth's assailed ones walking in white
Under the shade of the trees.

Oh, was it strange he should pine for release,
Touched to the soul with such transports as these,—
He who so needed the balsam of peace,
Under the shade of the trees?

Yea, it was noblest for him—it was best
(Questioning naught of our Father's decrees)
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